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EDITORIAL

We wish all our readers a very happy new year.
SCAN (Shankill Community Area Newsletter) will shortly celebrate the 50th anniversary of its foundation. It was initiated by a small group of community activists who saw the need to share information within the community. Well done to those who initiated the publication and the army of volunteers who have kept it going all those years. We trust that it has contributed to the cohesiveness of the community of Shankill. The village has developed and grown since that 1st issue and continues to undergo enormous development. Despite all the changes it is still an attractive and friendly village and beautifully nestled between the mountains and the sea.

If you were involved in the early years, or indeed more recently, and have a story to tell about your involvement do contact us at
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LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 2822704** to arrange.

FIRST SATURDAY BOOK SALE

The February First Saturday Book Sale, which supports the Shankill Old Folks Association, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday February 3rd in the Shankill Day Centre. Lower Road, Shankill and all are welcome to attend. Donations of books which must be a clean and good condition appreciated but are limited to two bags per donor which will only be accepted on the day of the book sale.

"You are on a winner at The Alteration Rooms."

Gerry Cosgrave and Anna Doyle holding Sam

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

The next meetings will be on Wed 7 February and Wed 6 March. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan: **087 2109175**. Playlists of many recent sessions are on Spotify - search for SCMC.

No better time to join your local club

After all the Christmas festive partying there could be quite a few new year resolutions flying around our Village. Like, should I get fit, perhaps loose a few kilos, make a return, give a try to playing our national games or volunteer to help the club in some capacity. Well, whatever your situation there is a spot for you in your local club Shankill GAA Club which is at the heart of our community. From our Academy and All Stars group which children usually start at around four years of age right up to the adult grade there is a place for you regardless of your fitness or ability. Shankill GAA Club is Family. The Juvenile teams for both boys and girls play Football, Hurling and Camogie at every age level. At adult level we have a Ladies and a Men's football team and shortly we will field Hurling and Camogie teams at this grade. If all that isn't enough there is also a Mothers & Others, Dads & Lads and Scor music and drama groups. Shankill GAA Club is where we all belong. Just give us a call.

Welcome

A Cead Mile Fáilte to the new residents who are moving into their homes in Stonebridge Woods, Woodbrook Estate and very soon into Shanganagh Castle. We hope that you will be happy living in Shankill and look forward to seeing a lot of new faces wearing the white, blue and green Shankill jersey soon.

Santa

All the children in our club must have been on their best behaviour all year long as we had a visit from Santa. He arrived in a bright red Jaguar Sport Coupe supercar and had a present for every child. Thank you, Santa, and well-done boys and girls.

Sisters in Arms

What a double success for our club. Sisters Kate and Lucy have been selected on the Dublin under 14 and 16 football team panels for the 2024 season. All in the club are so proud of them as is their parents and friends, we wish them every success in the coming campaign. C'on the Village.

Bray Women's Refuge

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this appeal. Once again, the community of Shankill were not to be found wanting and a massive amount of goods was donated. Thank you all so much.

Christmas Trees

Another big thank you to everyone who bought a Christmas tree from the club. Also, to the families who allowed us to collect their tree for recycling after the holiday break. This is a major fundraiser for the club with all the money going to our development fund.

DEFERRING THE STATE PENSION (CONTRIBUTORY)

The State Pension (Contributory) is paid to people from the age of 66 who have enough (PRSI) contributions. **From January 2024**, you can choose to start claiming your State Pension (Contributory) anytime between the ages of 66 and 70. **Choosing a later start date is called deferring your pension.** You can defer your start date up until you turn 70. During deferral, you can continue to work and make PRSI contributions to increase your personal rate of payment or meet the qualifying condition of 520 (10 years) contributions for State Pension (Contributory).

This means that deferring your State Pension (Contributory) can help you to:

- Qualify for State Pension (Contributory) if you didn't qualify at age 66
- Get a higher rate of State Pension (Contributory) than what you would have got at age 66

If you were born on or after 1958, you can choose to claim the State Pension (Contributory) anytime between the ages of 66 and 70. Once you start claiming your State Pension (Contributory), you can no longer choose to defer your pension claim, even if you keep working. This is because you don't pay PRSI once you start getting your pension. If you choose to start claiming your pension between age 67 and 70, you may be entitled to a higher rate of State Pension (Contributory). Your pension rate depends on the age you are when you start getting your pension. If you don't qualify for the maximum rate, you may get a reduced rate.

The table below includes maximum rates based on January 2024 rates of State Pension (Contributory).

Age when you start to claim	66	67	68	69	70
Maximum rate	€277.30	€290.30	€304.80	€320.30	€337.20

During deferral, you can continue to make PRSI contributions to increase your personal rate of payment or meet the qualifying condition of 520 (10 years) contributions for State Pension (Contributory). However, you will not be able to increase your contributions past the current maximum of 2080 (40 years). It is important to know how many contributions you have before you are going to drawdown your pension. To estimate your State Pension (Contributory) rate, you can ask for a copy of your Contribution Statement on ***MyWelfare.ie***. This statement includes all your PRSI contributions, including paid PRSI contributions and Long-Term Carers Contributions. You need a verified MyGovID account to use this service. You can find information on how to estimate your State Pension (Contributory) rates on ***gov.ie***

You should apply for the State Pension (Contributory) no more than 6 months before your claim start date. If you apply late, your pension start date can be backdated for six months only. The Department of Social Protection will publish a new application form for State Pension (Contributory) soon. It will ask for the date you want to start getting your pension. This can be at age 66, like it is now, or any date between 66 and 70. If you use the current SPC1 application form and you turn 66 in 2024, the Department will write to you asking what date you want to start claiming your State Pension (Contributory).

Contact: Department of Social Protection
College Road, Sligo, F91 T384

Opening Hours: This office does not offer a service to personal callers. All queries must be made using the online enquiry form, by telephone or in writing.

Tel: (071) 915 7100 or 0818 200 400
Email: ***state.con@welfare.ie***

*Due to a bereavement, the November production of AND MISS REARDON DRINKS A LITTLE by PAUL ZINDEL had to be postponed. However, we are delighted to announce that the play will be going on from **7-9 February** inclusive and we hope those of you who booked tickets will be free on the new dates.*

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"TRACKING" SHANKILL'S RAILWAY PAST"

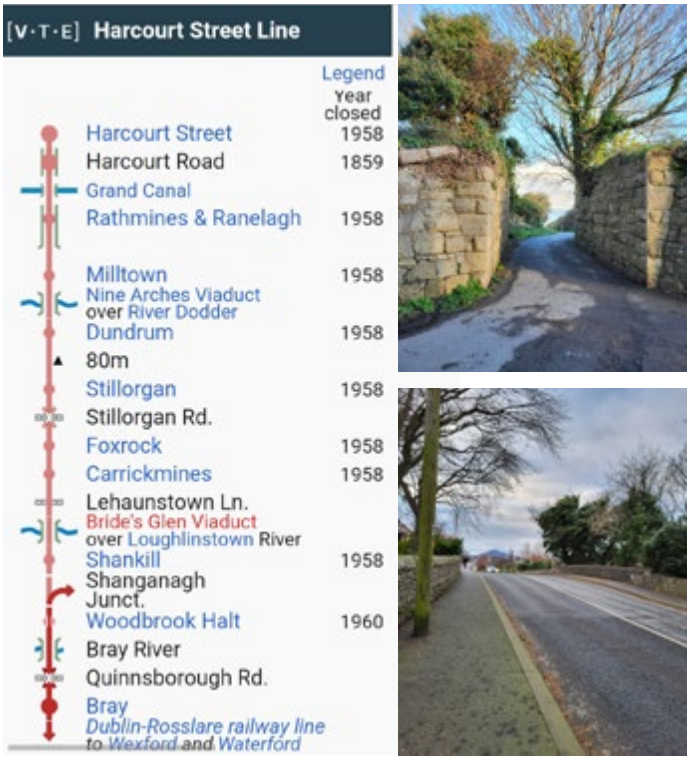
by Lee Murphy-O'Connor

The Harcourt Street Railway Line served Shankill from 1854 until 1958, the 20km track bringing passengers from the city centre to Bray and back again for over 100 years. It was built by the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company and the initial four stations on the line were at Dundrum, Stillorgan, Carrickmines and Shankill. Milltown, Foxrock, Ranelagh and Woodbrook Halt were added later.

Vestiges of this railway are still obvious in the Shankill area. The train ran over the very visible five-arched viaduct on Cherrywood Road at Bride's Glen, tracking south-eastward. It went under the bridge on Stonebridge Road to the station at Shankill. The station building is now incorporated into the Shankill Business Centre on Station Road and if you look at the building closely, you can still see the old station! The train then ran under the bridge on Dublin Road and on towards Woodbrook Halt. That station opened in 1910 to serve the cricket grounds on Sir Stanley Cochrane's Woodbrook estates. Passengers alighted here to watch the cricket matches. Woodbrook Golf Club members then used the two (extant) platforms, between 1920-1960.

The train line initially met with another, the coastal line to Westland Row, at a junction near Shanganagh; one of the bridges is still in situ near the Shanganagh Park entrance on Quinn's Road. It then carried on to Bray on a triple-track section.

In 1915, due to coastal erosion, this section of the line was moved inland and the DART now runs on this track.
If you look at Google Maps, Satellite function, from Bride's Glen to Shanganagh, it is possible to trace the tracks of the Shankill Railway past!



SHANKILL FC
Part of Our Community

We had a wonderful Christmas fun day in our clubhouse and were delighted that Santa was available to drop in to meet all our members. Huge thanks to all who did so well in making it a special day for our club. The preparation and execution was fantastic for our Christmas Fun Day. We had loads of minced pies, mulled wine, face painting and a range of games to keep everyone fed and entertained. Special thanks to Teagan The Elf, who did a mega job helping Santa to give out presents to all the boys & girls. All our members had a great day in the club.

Also, it was fantastic for the LOI Premier Division trophy to be on display too with thanks to The Borough Hoops, Footie Badges and Shamrock Rovers F.C.

Congratulations to Harry Esani who has been selected for the DDSL U13 Boys Emerging Talent Training Squad.

A fantastic achievement, making the club very proud. Well done Harry.

Brilliant day at Shankill Christmas in the Village. It was a huge success, and all possible because of Brady's Of Shankill mammoth effort in organising this fantastic event. All our club members had a great time.

For opportunities on all our boys & girls' teams from U7 to U19 and academies:

Email: info@shankillfc.ie
Web: www.shankillfc.ie
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On behalf of St. Anne's Parish, Shankill we wish to thank all of the following businesses in Shankill and Bray area for their contributions to our Christmas Fair.

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Shankill Bowling Club

The members of Shankill bowling club send greetings to all in the community and hope all your families had peaceful and joyous Christmas and New Year celebrations. But if, like us, you had a wee bit too much of everything that is usually available to tempt us during the festive season, our bowling club will be only too delighted to help in getting those who may have succumbed to over indulgence back in trim.

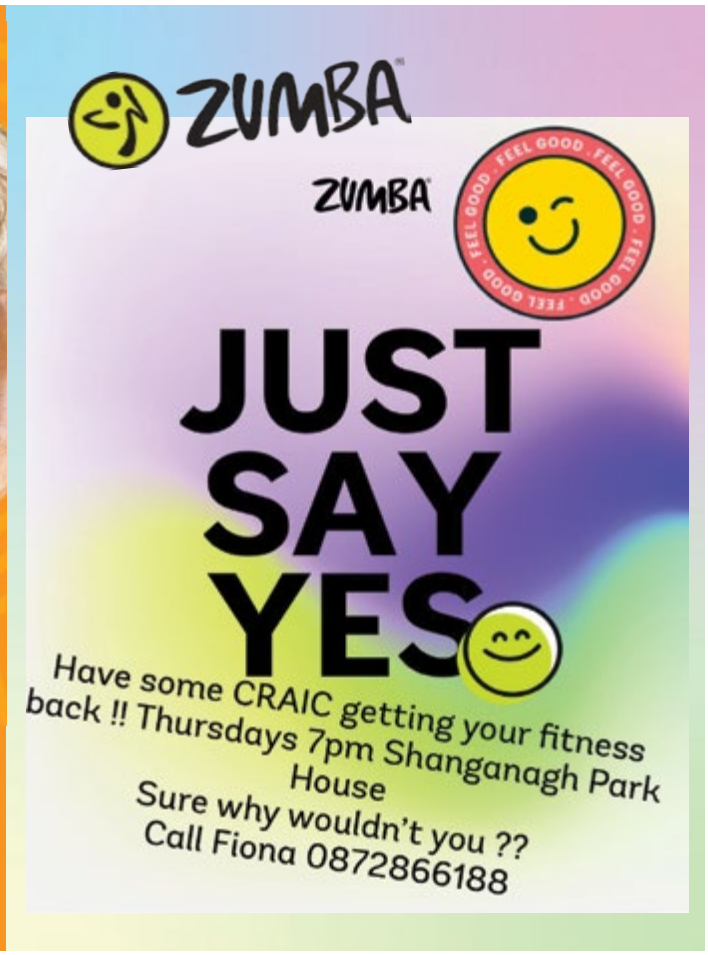
We can offer potential bowling enthusiasts the use of our bowling rinks to try out this wonderful, healthy sport, we supply the bowls and the necessary equipment, all you need to bring is flat sole footwear. For just €5 green fee we offer the means to take in, whilst bowling, some refreshing sea air wafting up from the shore, less than a mile from our bowling ground which is adjacent to the Shankill Tennis club on Quinn's Road. From our point of view, there is no better way to start the new year than with a health-conscious outlook while losing all of those extra calories gained over the Christmas period. So go on, drop by, give it a try.

Our club and our good friends of Blackrock Bowling club joined together on the 30 December last for a challenge game and raised a very handsome sum of money for a charitable cause dear to all our hearts, I speak, of course, about St. Joseph's Dementia Care Centre on Crinken Lane. On January 8th our club in conjunction with St. Joseph's initiated a programme entitled "Bowled over", a joint venture, the first of its kind in Ireland. This is a programme which will run for a period of eight weeks and is aimed at providing a social club of sorts, for those unlucky to be affected by dementia. It will provide a place to enjoy playing a game of bowls, accompanied by a family member, in friendly surroundings.

Shankill bowling club currently has three teams contesting three separate divisions in the 2023/24 winter league. Progress thus far looks quite promising results wise. There will be a more comprehensive report in the March SCAN. Great news of our indoor bowlers yearly outing to compete in a National bowling tournament which produced two winners out of the ten who travelled. The successful bowlers were Carmel Morton (highest score of the tournament) and Liam Rigley (one of the overall winning team) The trip which was organized by indoor Captain Maura Bannon was enjoyed by all.

Should you wish to contact us at Shankill Bowling club you may do so by calling to our clubhouse or by visiting our website at ***shankillbowlingclub.ie*** or simply drop by, and have a try.

Jack Byrne P.R.O.
Shankill B. C.



Local History Society Lectures *by James Scannell*

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Michael Sheil will present ***'Dublin Kingstown Railway 1834'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday February 1st, and Frank Tracy will present ***'Lord Massy and Massy's Wood*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 7th in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4/Students €2.

Medal Society of Ireland
A ***'Medal, Militaria and Collectables Fair'*** takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday February 3rd in Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All welcome - Admission is €2 for members and €4 for non-members.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society
Liz Gillis will present ***'Women of the 19th Century'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday February 8th in St. Raphaela's Primary School Hall, St. Raphaela's Road, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €3 for non-members.

Military History Society of Ireland
Piers Wauchope will present ***'The Siege of Londonderry'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday February 9th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome.

Old Dublin Society
Dr. Mary Muldowney will present ***'Prostitution in Dublin in the first decades of the twentieth century'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday February 14th, and Cormac F. Lowth 'The Sailing Trawlers of Ringsend' at 6 p.m. on Wednesday February 28th. Both lectures take place in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission is free.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Brian White will present ***'Victorian Childcare in Bray - Marking the 150th Anniversary of the Cripples Home, Bray'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday February 15th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

Foxrock Local History Club
James Brady will present ***'With the 6th Battalion – South County Dublin and the War of Independence 1916-1921'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday February 20th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
David Doyle will present ***'Carriglea House'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday February 21st in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for visitors.

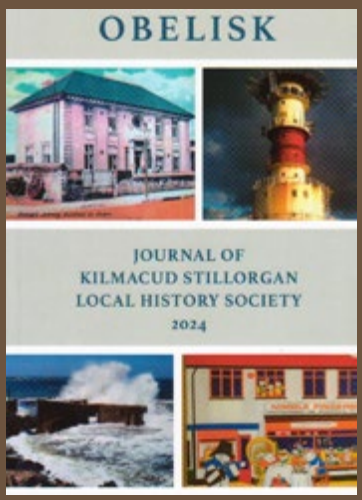
Irish Railway Record Society
Tony Cooke will present ***'Iarnród Éireann in the 1990s'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday February 22nd in the Society's Hueston Station, Dublin 8 premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

Shankill – Looking Back

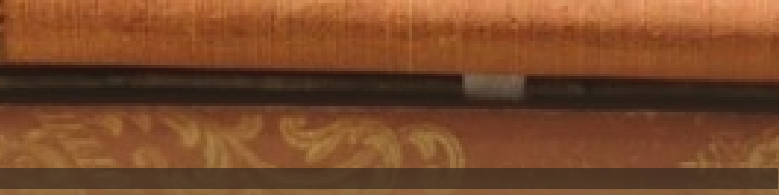
At the Thursday February 28th 1924 sitting of Dun Laoghaire Police Court before Mr. Cooper, K.C., a charge against John D. Wallace, Dorney Court, Shankill, of riding a motor cycle through Stillorgan village at a speed dangerous to the public was dismissed after he claimed that he did not own a motor-cycle and was not the rider at the time of the alleged offence as he was at a meeting in Dublin, a fact confirmed by Mr. Chambers, transport of Messrs Anderson, Stanford and Ridgeway, Dublin. The police were of the opinion that he was both the owner and the rider of the motor-cycle on the date of the alleged offence but due to the conflict of evidence, Mr. Copper said that he had no option but to dismiss the case.

January/February 2024 History Ireland magazine
A special article of local interest in this issue is ***'Queenstown – The Victorian 'New Town' on Killiney Hill' that never happened'*** by John Martin which recalls an 1840's proposed housing scheme on Killiney Hill which never came off.

Publications



Articles featured in the 2024 issue of ***'Obelisk'***, the Society's journal include ***'A Garda Experience of U.N. Peacekeeping in Yugoslavia'*** by Barry Molloy, ***'Mount Anville Primary School and the Sacred Heart Order'*** by Muirghen O'Reilly Kelly, ***'Nible Fingers'*** by Pat Staunton, ***'Dundrum Carnegie Library'*** by John Glennon, ***'We Exonerate the Driver from all Blame'*** by James Scannell, ***'YouWho?'*** by June Bow and Karen Poff, ***'Andy Mac: a Republican Officer in South County Dublin, 1916 to 1924'*** by Bryan MacMahon, ***'The Sandycove Bathers' Association'*** by Martin Creavin, ***'Major Dennis J. Coulson, Stillorgan: Soldier and Sportsman'*** by Peter Sobolewski, ***'Aunty Maureen's Shop'*** by Anne Coughlan, ***'Kish Connections'*** by Sheena Lambert, ***'The Burning of Dundrum Barracks in 1923'*** by Margaret Smith, ***'Boyhood Exploits of 1940s and 1950s'*** by Redmond O'Hanlon, ***'A History of Community Radio in South Dublin'*** by Mike Purcell, ***'The Vanished Cottages of Milltown, Co.***



Dublin' by Patrick Salmon, ***'Quarries on Three Rock Mountains'*** by Michael Van Turnhout, ***'An Insight into the History and Workings of Mountjoy Prison'*** by John Lonergan, ***'Mrs. Kelly and the Lilac Tree'*** by Aiden Traynor, ***'Samuel Nelson DMP (1864-1917)'*** by Micheál Nelson, ***'Allen of Stillorgan: The Rise and Decline of the Allen Family'*** by Patrick J. Casey, ***'The Society's Outing to Roscrea and Leap Castle'*** by Aiden Feerick, ***'Recent Publications'*** by Members and the Society's Spring 2024 monthly talks. Copies of ***'Obelisk 2024'*** are available from the South Dublin Credit Union, Lower Kilmacud Road, Lakeland Stores, Lakelands Road, Kildunne's Centra, 7 Drumartin Road, Aiden Peter Newsagent, The Rise, Mount Merrion, and The Village Cafe, Glenalbyn House. Copies can also be purchased online from the Society's website – ***www.kilmacudstillorganhistory.ie.***

Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

A happy New Year to all our readers and don't forget that New Year resolution to attend at least one of our talks during the year! Here is the programme for the remainder of the Winter/Spring season

The programme will be as follows:

- Wednesday, 7th February: Sanctuary in Medieval Ireland by Colmán Ó Clabaigh.
- Wednesday, 6th March: Medieval Dublin: the Making of a City by Howard Clarke.
- Wednesday, 3rd April: A Monumental Mystery Tour of Medieval Ireland by Chris Corlett.
- Saturday, 13th April: Guided walk of medieval Dublin with Howard Clarke.
- Saturday, 20th April: Repeat of 13th April walk.
- 26th to 29th April: Away weekend to explore the history and archaeology of the Midlands, based in Birr.

Additional outings are being planned for May, June and July.

All talks will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. They will also be viewable by Zoom. Members attend free. Non-members pay €5 per lecture which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Further information on our website: ***www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie***

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SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE

WINTER WONDERLAND AT SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE: SENIORS EMBRACE FESTIVE FUN"

The winter season at Shankill Day Care Centre was proven to be a time of joy, laughter, and festive activities for the seniors in our community. Embracing the holiday spirit, the centre has been abuzz with delightful activities that bring warmth to the hearts of our cherished seniors.

Cookie decorating sessions were a favourite among them, as they gathered around to create sweet masterpieces. With icing, sprinkles, and an array of festive toppings, the seniors not only showcased their creativity but also shared the joy of crafting delicious treats together.

As the weather outside turned colder, the day care centre transformed into a cozy haven for movie enthusiasts. Seniors gathered to enjoy a classic Christmas film, creating a sense of nostalgia and camaraderie. The shared laughter and memories made during the movie added a special touch to the winter festivities.

The creative spirit continued with wreath and decoration-making sessions. Guided by skilled instructors, seniors expressed their artistic flair by crafting beautiful wreaths and decorations to adorn their living spaces. These personalized creations served as a tangible representation of the holiday spirit that permeates the day care centre.
The pinnacle of the winter celebrations at Shankill Day Care Centre was the much-anticipated Christmas party. Marking the culmination of weeks of preparation and festive activities, the party was a grand affair filled with delicious food, music, and, most importantly, the spirit of togetherness. Seniors, staff, and volunteers come together to celebrate the joy of the season, creating memories that will be cherished for years to come.

The festive decorations created by the seniors added a personal touch to the centre, transforming it into a winter wonderland that radiated warmth and cheer.

Through these winter activities, Shankill Day Care Centre not only provided entertainment but also fostered a sense of community and belonging.

Seniors found solace and companionship during the colder months, turning the day care centre into a home away from home. As the winter season unfolded at Shankill Day Care Centre, it was clear that they were not just participants; they are active contributors to the festive atmosphere.
The joy, creativity, and camaraderie that fill the centre during this time showcased the resilience and spirit of the older community, proving that age is no barrier to having fun and embracing the magic of the winter season.

Shankill Day Care Centre stands as a beacon of support and care within the community, extending its services beyond the traditional scope of a day centre. Its commitment to inclusivity and community welfare shines through its multifaceted approach. By recognizing the diverse needs of its residents and extending its services to include hot meals on wheels, the centre exemplifies a holistic approach to community care, creating a supportive environment that empowers individuals to lead fulfilling lives.

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Question: I am hoping to get a mortgage in 2024, what advice do you have before I start the application process?

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1. Check your credit history - You can check your credit history on the Central Bank's Central Credit Register, at Centralcreditregister.ie. This report will show you if you missed any loan repayments you were not aware of over the previous five years.

2. Create a budget - Draw up a detailed budget so you can understand your spending habits, your existing repayment obligations, and your capacity to save.

3. Save for your deposit - First-time buyers can avail of purchase incentives such as the Help to Buy scheme and the First Home scheme to bridge the gap but banks still like to see an individual contribution towards the purchase of the home and regular savings show them you have a demonstrated ability to repay a mortgage.

4.Demonstrate your ability to repay - Banks want to see a proven ability to meet your monthly mortgage commitment. You'll need financial documentation showing a proven track record of good money management. This is shown by regular savings and consistent payments, such as monthly rent. Your repayment ability is assessed over at least a six-month period prior to your mortgage application. Lenders also use stress tests to determine if you'll be able to pay the mortgage if they increase their interest rates further. Be prepared for this, and make sure your finances can withstand higher rates.

5. Clean up your direct debits - The lender will review a minimum of six months' bank statements, it's essential these statements show prudent spending.

6. Evaluate your debt-to-income ratio - Aim to lower your existing debts, such as a car loan or an outstanding credit card balance. If you have been making regular and responsible repayments on existing loans, this can actually work in your favour during the mortgage approval process.

7. Prepare your documentation - Gather the necessary paperwork, including payslips, bank statements and proof of assets. If you're self-employed, you'll need at least two years of accounts. Having these documents ready in advance will expedite the mortgage approval process. Mortgage brokers will provide a handy checklist, and there's usually an online application portal you can use (e.g. ***smartmortgages.ie***).

8. Get pre-approved - You can get pre-approved for a mortgage without having a specific property in mind. Known as Approval in Principle (AIP), this conditional mortgage offer usually lasts for about six to 12 months. A mortgage broker can secure pre-approval for you. This also provides you with a clear understanding of the loan amount you can afford. It is important to note that an AIP is not an official mortgage offer. When you find your dream home, there'll be a reassessment to ensure there are no material changes to your circumstances and the property meets the bank's lending criteria. Do not make any drastic changes to your finances until you've drawn down your mortgage and hold the keys to your property.

9. Research mortgage options - Fixed-rate mortgages provide stability, while variable rate mortgages offer flexibility. Your mortgage broker can help you to compare interest rates, terms and borrowing requirements to find the best fit for you.

Source: Irish Independent

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Shankill TidyTowns — Glanbhaile Seanchill

Nature, Biodiversity & Sustainability - Challenge & Opportunity

As shown in last month's column, Shankill Tidy Towns will be challenged in retaining their Gold Medal in 2024. Given the group's traditional focus and experience, the most difficult areas will be **Nature & Biodiversity** and, particularly, **Sustainability.**

The 2023 adjudicator's comments contained useful suggestions:

Nature & Biodiversity (44 points out of 55 in 2023)

- *Fruit trees in the green areas in residential estates.*
- *A pollinator count (Flying Insect Timed (FIT) count) to monitor the effects on the local pollinator population, perhaps as a local school project.*

Sustainability (22 points out of 55 in 2023)

- *Local school projects to motivate students to adopt more sustainable behaviours.*
- *Actions by local businesses to minimise waste and conserve energy?*
- *A transport user survey to measure usage of active and public transport modes, possibly in conjunction with a local school.*
- *Raising community awareness of sustainability themes.*

Other ideas include promotion of reusable coffee cups, communal composting, water harvesting, elimination of food waste and reduction in plastic usage.

During Covid, STT drafted a list of 30 locations in Shankill which could be developed as wildflower meadows or mini-forests. While an overall structured approach to this work has not yet evolved, a number of locations throughout Shankill have been planted by individuals or neighbourhood groups.

STT is exploring the possibility of establishing a project similar to Abundance London a voluntary organisation that seeks to beautify *"the scruffy bits around the edges - pavements and verges where weeds thrive and collect litter"*.

Shankill has many lovely open spaces, but it also has plenty of scruffy bits, many of them relatively small spots that should not require excessive work.

There is no shortage of ideas but there is a shortage of volunteers - could you or your local group make a difference?

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Preserving Local Heritage

A view of **Puck's Castle,** showing the impact of recent preservation works, with Cherrywood in the background and in the distance, Howth.

Shankill Tidy Towns Gets Back to Work

Shankill Tidy Towns resumed work after a well -deserved Christmas break. The Saturday squad started at New Vale and Lower Road while the Tuesday team added at least a metre to Falls Road by removing leaves from the footpath and roadway.

Shankill's Second Gold Medal 2023

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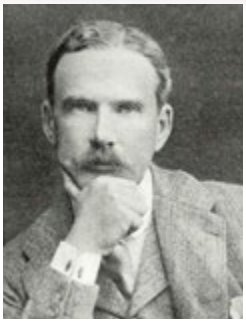
Shankill TIDY TOWNS

Shankill Classical Music Club

Classical music – the gift that never stops giving! Pick a topic, and the chances are that it will have inspired not a few composers over the centuries, in many different styles. Winter, for example, which John Ashworth chose for the December programme. Franz Schubert's Winterreise threaded its way through the evening. The twenty-four songs in this cycle – a masterpiece from 1827, shortly before his early death - track the sad and weary journey, and the existential despair, of a love-lorn youth through a wintry landscape. We heard 4 of the songs, by different singers, culminating in a famous and chilling performance from the 1930s of the last one of all, Der Leiermann (The Hurdy-Gurdy man), by the Irish baritone Harry Plunket Greene.



Harry Plunket Greene (1865 – 1936))

Vivaldi, of course – the Winter concerto from the ever-fresh Four Seasons. Lots of Russian stuff – Tchaikovsky, Glazunov, Prokofiev – mainly orchestral, although a piano piece by Prokofiev was rendered by the unlikely fingers of Bach specialist Glenn Gould.

Is there a more moving carol than In the bleak midwinter? The product of two quintessentially English creators, in spite of the foreign-sounding names – words by Christina Rossetti, music by Gustav Holst – we heard it twice: once with words and voices, but also by the sonorous Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band.

Debussy and Vaughan Williams, also from the early 20th century, and jazz pianist George Winston (who died in June 2023) and Norwegian composer Christian Lindberg, still very much alive, had wildly contrasting treatments of the theme. Which is where we came in!

John O'Hagan's topic in January was the Orient, more precisely Western composers' views of the Orient. Politically hot, of course – the never-ending culture wars, imperialistic exploitation etc. But more often it was a fascination with the exotic. From the French high baroque we had music by Rameau, whose opera/masque Les Indes Galantes in fact ranged beyond the Orient to include pictorial representations of the "natives" of Africa and even north and south America!

Mozart was one of several composers who indulged the fascination with so-called Turkish music in late 18th century Vienna (at a time when the recurrent wars between the Austrian and Ottoman empires were raging). A particular feature was so-called "Janissary music", inspired by the intimidating musical bands of the Ottoman armies – lots of trumpets and other raucous winds, with drums and other racket-making percussion. A couple of Mozart "German" dances mimicking that style (well, slightly) framed a short vocal and instrumental piece, using native instruments, by a Turkish composer of the day, one Hammâmîzâde İsmâil Dede Efendi (now there's a first!).

Nineteenth and twentieth century French composers also found the theme irresistible - often in opera (Bizet, Delibes), but also piano music (Debussy) or song (Ravel). This last drew on the (Arabian) Thousand and One Nights tales, and in particular the legendary narrator Scheherazade. Ravel had been inspired by the sumptuous orchestral suite on that theme by the Russian Rimsky-Korsakov, from which we heard a movement. The flute of Ravel's song was echoed in a short piece for flute by the best-known Japanese composer of the 20th century, Toru Takemitsu. A piano piece Islamey by Balakirev, and a couple of pieces from a suite from the opera Turandot by Busoni added further flavours.

And finally, Beethoven. Who knew? Google Wellington's Victory, to see/hear how the always near-bankrupt master turned a penny by exploiting the Janissary style – see above! - to create a noisy and bombastic picture of a famous 1813 win over the dreaded Napoleon. Once heard, never forgotten – but maybe once is quite enough!

The next meetings will be on Wed 7 February and Wed 6 March. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).

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CÚINNE NA GAEILGE

Oíche Sathairn a bhí ann, agus nuair a bhí an tAifreann thart, bhuail Séimí agus Seáinín le chéile faoi mar a dheinidís gach seachtain. Isteach sa phub a théidís, ach ní ró-fhada a d'fhanaidís ann. Bheadh dhá ghloine an duine acu. Bheidís sásta leis sin.

Bhí sagart nua acu, agus ba iontach go deo an fear é chun scéal a insint. Scéal bunaithe ar an soiscéal a bhíodh aige, ach ba chuma, thug sé ábhar cainte agus abhár conspóide don bheirt. Téama an ghrá agus an chineáltais a bhí aige an oíche seo.

"**Bhuel**, ar chuala tú mo dhuine anocht. Ar chuala tú é?" a deir Séimí. "Dá mbeadh dhá theach agat, a Sheáinín, an dtabharfá teach amháin don duine a bheadh gan teach, gan dídean."

"**Tuige** nach dtabharfainn?" arsa Seáinín. Cinnte thabharfainn."

"**Bhuel**, dá mbeadh dhá chóta agat, an dtabharfá ceann díbh d'fhear déirce a thiocfadh chuig do dhoras?"arsa Séimí.

"**Gan** dabht, thabharfainn," arsa Seáinín. Thabharfainn agus fáilte. Cé'n gnó a bheadh agam leis?"

Séimí arís, "Nach iontach go deo an fear tú. Nach iontach go deo an chara tú. Ní fhéadfainnse bheith chomh mórchroíoch, chomh flaithiúil leat."

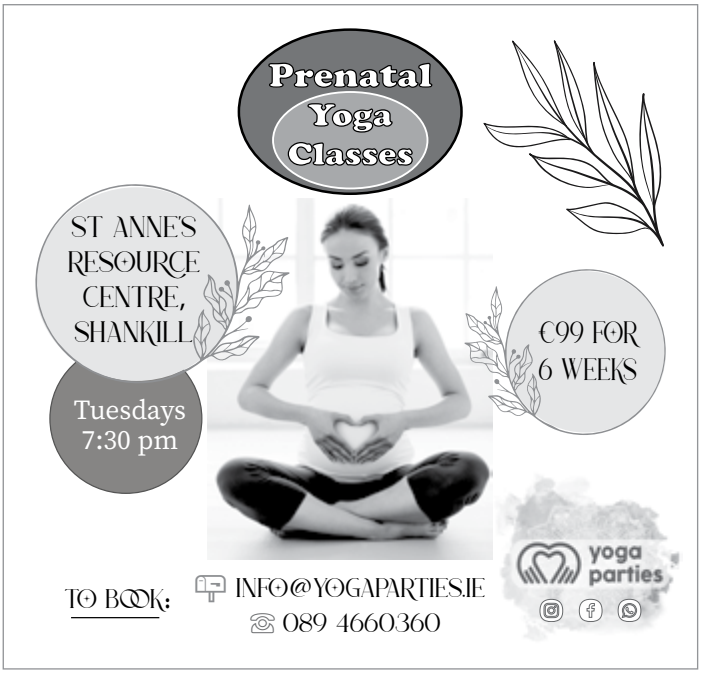
"**Bhuel**, ar ais chuig an sagart. An cheist a bhí aige, a Sheáinín. An mbeifeá sásta an dara léine a thabhairt don duine bocht a bhuail leat ar an mbóthar?"

"**Á**, sin ceist eile ar fad. An léine a bhaint díom agus a thabhairt don duine sin? A Thiarcais! Ní dhéanfainn sin. Ní bhfaighidh sé an léine seo agamsa fad is atá mise beo! Tá sin cinnte."

"**Is** deacair sin a thuiscint, a Sheáinín," arsa Séimí." "An dara theach agat agus thabharfá gan stró é don diabhal bocht a bhí gan teach, gan dídean: an dara chóta, ní bheadh fadhb ar bith agat é a thabhairt don bhfear siúil. Ach an léine, balcais nach fiú tráithnín í, ní thabharfá don bochtán í? Ní thuigim."

"**Bhuel**, seo mar atá," arsa Seáinín. Níl dhá theach agam. Níl dhá chóta agam. Mar sin, ní bheadh aon fhadhb agam ag fáil réidh le ceann amháin acu. Ach, tá dhá léine agam agus sin an difríocht!"

Gluais: ach ba chuma/it didn't matter; ***ábhar cainte***/cur agus cúiteamh, díospóireacht; ***ábhar conspóide***/argóint, coimhlint; ***gan dídean***/gan chónaí; ***Tuige***/An gceapann tú; fear,bean ***déirce***/duine gan airgead, duine bocht; ***Cé'n gnó a***…/Cad ba mhaith liom leis?; ***Ní fhéadfainnse***/ Ní fhéadfainn; ***mórchroíoch***/fial; ***ar fad***/go hiomlán; ***A thiarcais!***/My goodness; ***balcais***/éadach stróicthe; ***nach fiú tráithnín í***/not worth a straw; ***ag fáil réidh le***/ é a chaitheamh amach.



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International Climate Meeting in Dubai, early December

There were very low expectations of COP28, the annual UN meeting to discuss Climate Change and make decisions for a Just Transition, before it opened at the end of November because it was to be chaired by the head of Abu Dhabi National Oil, one of the largest and least climate aware oil companies in the world, and took place in Dubai, deep in oil country. However, now it is over the pessimism can be seen to be somewhat exaggerated. For the first time, despite massive lobbying efforts by the fossil fuel industries and OPEC, fossil fuels were specifically mentioned and to are to be "phased out" and a fund established to support countries to adapt to the Climate Crisis. These were new beginnings and very important but not strong enough to deal with the emergency. The main problem, which was not addressed with the necessary commitment, was the time scale for action which is now critically short. In conclusion, important steps forward but nowhere near strong enough. We can be proud of former President Mary Robinson, Chair of the Elders and Minister Eamon Ryan who were forthright in what they said at the conference when necessary.

Fact Check of the real environmental costs of Electric Vehicles (EVs)

Recently The Guardian has run a series of articles fact checking some of the issues about electric vehicles: Are they really better for the climate than fossil fuel cars? Is the mining of the minerals, especially Lithium, needed for the batteries doing irreparable damage to the environment? How anxious should we be about range?

Lithium mining for battery construction

Lithium mining does damage the environment and may involve child labour in some countries but oil, gas, particularly fracking, also do great damage and may well involve child labour in some places. But one great difference between lithium mining and fossil fuels is that 90%+ of Lithium and other battery materials can be recycled whereas, obviously, no fossil fuel can be recycled. In the short term, there will be great demand for lithium mining but the demand will level off as recycling contributes an increasing proportion of the battery inputs.

On road and running costs

Looking at the vehicle itself, t is true that building an EV uses more energy than a fossil fuel vehicle, so it hits the road with a carbon debt. This debt is largely due to the construction and preparation of the battery, and that debt is significantly bigger if the battery is made in a country which uses coal to generate electricity, such as China or Poland. This is why there is a major push by the EU to build the batteries we need in Germany or Sweden where the electricity is relatively green. Ireland perhaps could be a good venue for manufacture if we get West Coast wind generation up and running in time to be attractive. (Irish Times 3rd Jan 2024).

But, thereafter, the EV, depending on the source of electricity can be carbon zero. In the meantime, the fossil fuel vehicle will be producing about 27tonnes of CO_2 per 10000 km. driven. In practice, this means that the carbon debt is paid off after running for 70,000km. This means, of course, that those of us driving low mileages and using public transport should only replace our cars when they wear out. A final point is that whereas fossil fuel vehicles are near the limit of their efficiency gains, power storage is still in its early stages of development. In a different context: ten years ago, it took 16 solar panels to generate 4.5kW but now takes only 12, so batteries can be expected to improve significantly over the next few years. Improvements of 50% in capacity with charging times to 80% in 15 minutes can be expected in the next five years. Large scale storage is also necessary to maximise the value of intermittent generation by renewables, and that too is a developing technology.

Range Anxiety

'Range anxiety' is an issue which is limiting conversion to EVs. Ranges of 150 – 400km would now be the norm but few drivers regularly travel more than 100km in a day so this is really a problem of installing the necessary infrastructure of charging points to ensure the necessary rapid charging is available as and when needed on longer journeys, as we have come to expect with fossil fuels. It would also help greatly if those with on-street parking had the right to install a charging point with access to their vehicle. Planning would need to change.

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UPDATE FROM CORMAC DEVLIN TD

It is wonderful to see spring approaching after the long winter. Councillor Michael Clark and I have been canvassing around Shankill over the past few weeks. We are also available at our Advice Clinic on the last Saturday of each month at Brady's of Shankill. Please get in touch if you would like to arrange an appointment.

SHANGANAGH CASTLE UPDATE

The public housing development at Shanganagh Castle is making great progress and it is expected that the first homes will be ready in November.

Shanganagh Castle is the largest public housing development in decades. This Housing for All scheme includes 200 homes for people on the DLR Council housing list, 91 affordable purchase units and 306 cost rental units. Cost rental is a new form of tenure for people earning above the threshold for social housing support.

The plan for the area includes improvements to public transport, including a new DART station at Woodbrook which is underway.

If you would like more information about this public housing development, please let me know.

Cormac Devlin TD, Councillors Michael Clark, Justin Moylan, and Colette O'Sullivan with students Laura Dolan, Ciara Kennedy, and Emily Dolan from Holy Child School Killiney at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition at the RDS.

SALE OF NICOTINE INHALING PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN BANNED

Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly has commenced Section 28 of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act to prohibit the sale of nicotine inhaling products such as e-cigarettes (commonly known as vapes) to persons under 18.

The new law came into effect on Friday 22nd December 2023. It is an offence to sell a nicotine inhaling product to a child. The offence carries a penalty of a fine of up to €4,000 and / up to six months imprisonment.

INCREASE IN STUDENT BURSARIES TO HELP DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

The Government has announced a significant increase in the number of third level student bursaries available to disadvantaged students. Applications for the 2023/2024 1916 Bursary for students are open now. They are funded through a joint investment by the Irish Government and the European Union under the European Social Fund Plus.

Together with the European Union, €2.4 million is being invested, increasing the number of new scholarships to 400 Tier 1 bursaries at a value €5,000 and 200 Tier 2 bursaries at a value of €2000, per year of study. The bursary aims to encourage participation and success by students who are most socio-economically disadvantaged and from groups most under-represented in higher education.

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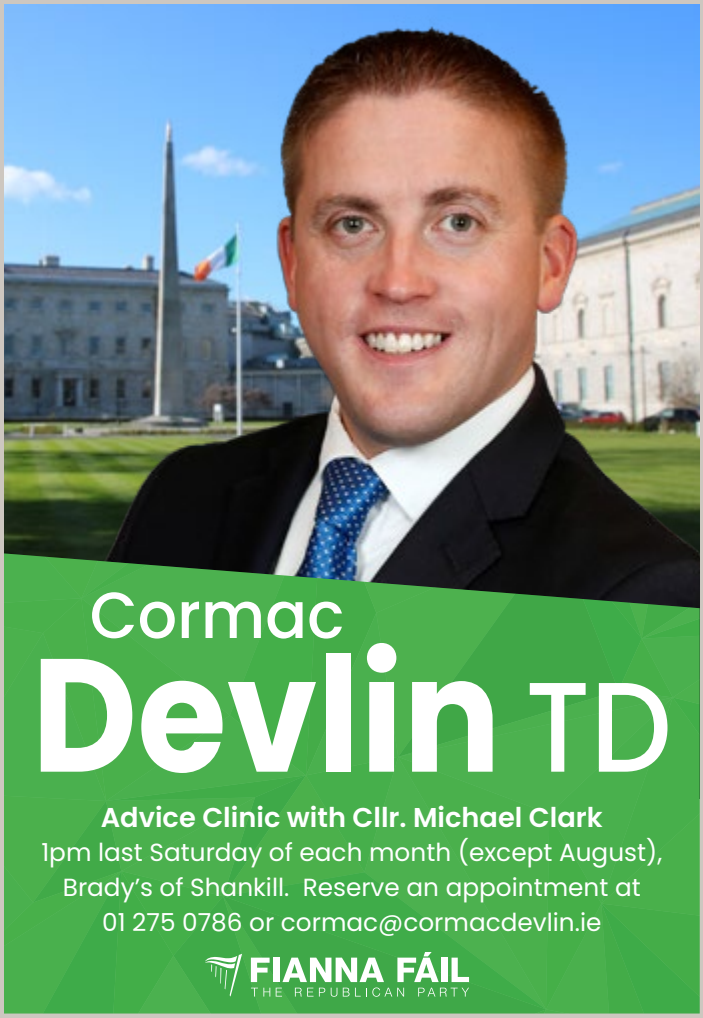
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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

We kicked off our festive season with our annual parents' event - our Art and Wine evening. Thank you to all parents and staff who attended. The children created the most amazing artwork for the occasion. My thanks to the teachers for all their hard work. We are grateful for all the donations of raffle prizes. Congratulations to the winners on the night. The PTA made it such an enjoyable evening. We are grateful to them.

My thanks to those members of the Choir who sang at the Rathmichael Parish Carol Service on 17th December. Gratitude as always to Mrs. Lewis for all her work with the Choir. The Choir also performed for the clients of the Shankill Day Care Centre on 13th December and I was very impressed with them all.

Our Music Teacher, Naomi Clarkson and the class teachers have been working very hard with children in 3rd and 4th Classes in preparation for the Peace Proms Performance in 2024. Also, thanks to Naomi for all her work with our pupils for the amazing Carol Service held in St. Anne's Church on Tuesday 19th December. It was wonderful to see children from the three local schools singing together and a huge credit goes to the Music teachers from the three schools for coordinating this. The children were so well behaved and we are very proud of them.

We had a busy time leading up to Christmas with workshops and visits to the Pantomime. Alan Nolan, author and illustrator came into school to undertake workshops with 1st to 6th Classes. He read extracts from his books and encouraged the pupils to try their hands at illustrating. The sessions were entertaining and inspiring and the children all enjoyed them.

Children from Senior Infants to 3rd Class took part in STEM Workshops with Bricks 4 Kids. The children thoroughly enjoyed the educational play activities, working together and following instructions to build objects from Lego. The four junior classes went to see Sleeping Beauty in the Mill Theatre in Dundrum in December while 5th and 6th Classes went to see the Liberty Panto's Christmas production of "Rapunzel" to support one of our 6th Class pupils, who was a member of the cast. They all agreed that she was amazing! My thanks to the parents who accompanied the classes.

3rd Class have been planting bulbs in our School Garden and we look forward to seeing them mature in the Spring. Our Hockey and Football Teams had successful outings in the leagues and in friendly matches and we look forward to more games in 2024.

Our Assembly on the 22nd December, to which parents were invited, was a wonderful end to the term. The children sang and behaved beautifully and we were very proud of them, particularly our individual singers and readers. The last day of term also saw all the children wearing Christmas Jumpers and bright colours to raise funds for Heart Children Ireland and the money is still coming in. The PTA provided popcorn and hot chocolate so it was a fun filled, exciting day.

The start of the new term has been no less exciting with the arrival of the Sam Maguire Cup, brought in by Steve from Shankill GAA, to celebrate Dublin's hard fought two-point victory over Kerry in the All Ireland Football Final.

Naomi Rousseau
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Book Clubs

Our next meeting of **First Tuesday Evening Book Club** is on February 6th at 6.30pm to discuss: **"The Optician of Lampedusa"** by Emma Jane Kirby. Our **Friday Book Club** meets on Friday 2nd February at 11.00 am to review **"The Echo Chamber"** by John Boyne

St Brigid's Cross-making workshop

St. Brigid's Cross-making workshop will be held on Thursday 25th January at 3.30pm. This is a family event.

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School News in scan

St Anne's National School

Environmental Workshop

Earlier this month, Roisin from the SEAI came to our school and visited some classes to speak about the importance of saving energy. She showed us experiments like bouncing a basketball at our feet to see if we could feel the vibration. My favourite experiment was when we put a vitamin tablet in a water container with a lid. The lid popped off 4 times.The second time she put an extra half a tablet in and the lid popped off 9 times! At the end we did a quiz. Did you know that using a hair dryer for 15 minutes uses more energy than watching tv for 4 hours? Thank you Roisin.

Springy Thing

by Tori Bailey and Eve Cassidy

Winter is over now,
Going into Spring, Spring is a wonderful Springy thing.
Lots of weather changes and nice flowers,
nice green trees and more bright hours.
More greenery, baby animals.
Kids are playing, they're best pals.
Winter is over now going into Spring.
Spring is a wonderful Springy thing.

STEM Challenge

by Eoghan McNally and Robyn Ebbs

In December, our school had STEM challenges where each class level had selected themes ranging from creating christmas trees to creating sleighs. We interviewed pupils about their projects.

JUNIOR INFANTS:
We interviewed Anna Deery and Ezra Hall.
They made christmas trees out of lego, blocks, paper, pegs, forks, sticks and books.
They made trees that were multicoloured.
They were from Ms. Rigby's class.

SENIOR INFANTS:
We interviewed Nicky Hayes and Adam Gunnip.
They made paper chains using cardboard and paper.
Their chains were white. Nicky said his was the longest in the class.
They are from Ms. McManus's class.

FIRST CLASS:
We interviewed Lucy O'Neill and Ethan Thornton.
They made symmetrical wrapping paper. They made Christmas trees.
They painted one half of the sheet and folded it to make it symmetrical. They are from Ms. O' Crowley's class.

SECOND CLASS:
We interviewed Lelya Bellec and Dylan Smyth.
They made santa sleighs out of lollipop sticks, cardboard, playdough, egg cartons and cubes. They are from Mr. Higgins' class.

THIRD CLASS:
We interviewed Zoe Reddy and Robyn Wardell.
They made pulleys out of ribbons, wire, pom poms and cartons. They are from Ms. Dawson's class.

FOURTH CLASS:
We interviewed Cara Jones and Isabelle Murray.
They were allowed to do whatever they wanted.
Cara made a wreath and Isabelle made a gingerbread house. They are from Mr. Hackett's class.

FIFTH CLASS:
We interviewed Isabel Cibi and Éimhin Greene.
They made elf traps out of cardboard, paper, rope, net, markers, string, clay and candy canes. They are from Ms. Treacy's class.

SIXTH CLASS:
We interviewed Alesha O'Neill and Marcus Howard.
They could make whatever they wanted.
Alesha made a cup tree and Marcus made a marshmallow launcher with Robyn. They are from Mr. Scully's class.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

COASTAL DEFENCE STRATEGY

Question: To ask the Chief Executive when will the updated Coastal Defence Strategy be presented to the Council?

Reply: A draft Coastal Defence Strategy report has been submitted by the appointed Consultant for review. However, due to current engineering staff vacancies within the Cleansing & Beaches section and the on-going operational demands, a full review of this draft report has yet to be completed. The Coastal Defence Strategy is considered a key strategic item and we hope to finalise the strategy in the new year and bring before elected members, subject to appointment of the required engineering staff.

ROAD NETWORK SAFETY ANALYSIS

Motion: That the Chief Executive report on the inclusion of Shanganagh Road on the Road Network Safety Analysis Round 1B Study compiled by the Department of Transport and what works will be undertaken to address the "prevalent safety issues".

Report: The Regional Roads Network Safety Analysis is conducted by the Department of Transport across the country. It divides the Regional Road network into sections of approximately 1kmin length and determines the number of fatal, serious injury and minor injury collisions.

Sections where there were more than three such collisions, or if the collision frequency was twice above a threshold, are highlighted as "Locations of Interest".

In the latest report (Round 1B), four "Locations of Interest" were identified in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.
1. Dundrum Road
2. Shanganagh Road
3. Clonskeagh Road
4. Kilmacud Road Lower (at Stillorgan Village).

In 2021, the Council carried out works to improve visibility and provide a footpath on the southern part of Shanganagh Road. A Speed Alert Sign was also installed. There are currently two signalised junctions and two signalised pedestrian crossings along this 1.3km long section of road.

The Council proposes to install a zebra crossing near the petrol station in early 2024.

In the County Development Plan, Shanganagh Road is a six-year road objective. However, there is currently no budget for a significant upgrade of this section of road.

Note: At the meeting the motion was discussed and it was agreed to bring a further report back to a meeting in early 2024, as the Local Electoral Area Councillors felt the Council's Traffic Section did not include sufficient works to improve safety along the road.

TREE PLANTING: BOUNDARY OF SHANGANAGH TREATMENT PLANT, SHANGANAGH CLIFFS

To ask the Chief Executive to include the planting of trees in Shanganagh Cliffs along the boundary of Shanganagh Treatment Plant in the Tree Planting Programme?

Reply: This is noted and can be included as a location in the tree planting project at Shanganagh Cliffs.

SOD TURNING

New DART Station at Woodbrook – Opening in 2025

Cllr. Jim Gildea; Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Cllr. Carrie Smyth

Frank Curran, CEO of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council; Cllr. Jim Gildea; Éamon Ryan T.D, Minister; Anne Graham, CEO of the National Transport Authority; Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council; Jim Meade, CEO of Iarnród Éireann; Cllr. Carrie Smyth and Ossian Smyth T.D, Minister of State

School News in scan

Thank You

We were fortunate in Scoil Mhuire to receive a lovely gift from Ger, one of our SNA team. Her brother, Martin Cleary made the insect hotel for us. Thank you to Martin Cleary of Cleary Garden Services for the gift. It will be useful in our school garden.

5th Class Clean Up

5th Class teamed up with Flossie environmentalists, and helped clean up Shankill Beach.

Christmas Chess

With 64 entries, the finalists of the Scoil Mhuire Christmas Chess Tournament had a thrilling final. Well done Zaki and Cailum.

5th Class Fun Drama

Gabrielle from Dun Laoghaire Arts Council has been carrying out many fun drama activities in 5th Class building confidence and communication skills.

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

FLOODING, SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive when works will be undertaken to alleviate the flooding that occurs on the walkway in Shanganagh Park which runs parallel to the cemetery access road? It is noted that the flooding makes the route impassable after moderate rainfall.

Reply: I will discuss this problem with the Parks Foreman to understand the local knowledge and existing issues that may be causing the flooding. There may be an opportunity to drain this into the existing trees
Note: Following further discussions, action will be taken to remedy the situation.

SHANGANAGH CASTLE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when remedial works will be carried out on the castle building and the gym at Shanganagh Castle.

Reply: The buildings in question are currently being assessed by the Infrastructure & Climate Change Department. Contact will be made with the staff involved and a further report will be provided.

PROVISION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

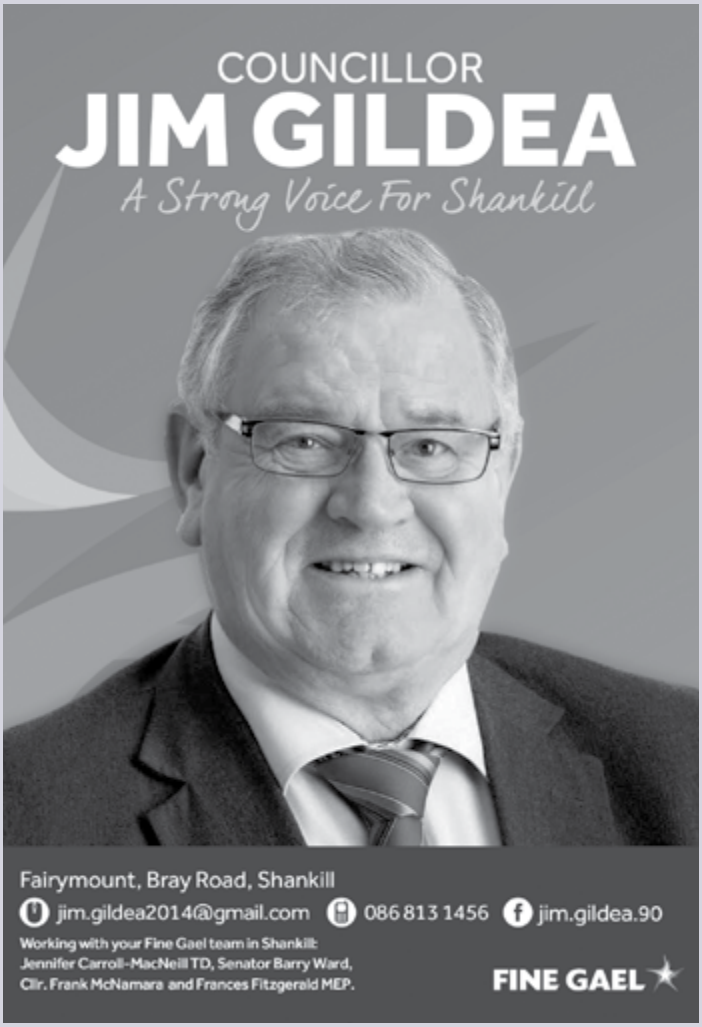
Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of solar energy systems at community facilities and other County Council owned or operated facilities in the functional area of the Committee?

Reply: The Council has been working with Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency, to put in place a project pipeline to allow the Council to meet government targets through a planned and structured approach. One of the first projects is the DeliveREE Project which will incorporate County Hall, dlr LexIcon and the Pavilion Theatre. It is planned that an invite to tender will go out in the next month and that contracts will be drawn up and works commence in early 2024. A proposal has also been prepared for Ballyogan Operations Centre, which is a Significant Energy Users (SEU's). This proposes a significant installation of PV Solar on the roof of the buildings, that will be carried out in two phases. The project goals are to reduce grid electricity consumption and replace with clean renewable solar energy. This project proposal is in its final stages and it is hoped that work will commence in weeks.

ABILITY SWING IN SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install an ability swing in the playground in Shanganagh Park?

Reply: There are newer generation ability swings on the market which are more user friendly. I will discuss with the Sports Inclusion Disability Officer to understand the best option for this playground.



WATER SPORTS FACILITY KILLINEY BEACH

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision of a water sport facility at Killiney beach?

Reply: As part of the preparation for the Part 8 Planning process a number of environmental and Site investigation reports are required. JBA Consulting were engaged in late Spring '23 to carry out the AA screening/Ecology/Habitat Assessments/EIAR screenings and the ecology reports all of which are nearly complete. In order to complete the above reports, information from site investigation works was required. This work was completed recently and the site investigation reports were due to be completed mid-December. Due to the sensitivity of the site, an Appropriate Assessment screening for the site investigation work was required prior to this commencing thus delaying the programming of this work. The initial Flood Risk Assessment report has been completed, with a conclusion that a further over topping report is carried out, this second report is due for completion at the end of December. It has taken longer than initially anticipated for these works to be carried out, however due to the sensitive nature of the site they are required in order for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to be happy that all due diligence has been carried out and that we are firm in our information for the planning process. The additional time has also allowed us to reflect on the building's ultimate location on the site and its impact, resulting in a more efficient simplified design.

Languages Connect

Think Languages Day 2023

by Alina Demcenco & Jason Tamayo

Think Languages Day happened on the 1st of December 2023 in Woodbrook College. Six TY volunteers along with the Modern Foreign Languages department created an unforgettable experience! The team was made up of Woodbrook's Alina Demcenco, Viola Formaro, Dade Murphy, Isabelle Labuni, Orlaith O'Toole, Jesse Smith, and Jason Tamayo.

It was an enjoyable time for all students in Woodbrook College who got to explore the different cultures and cuisines from different countries around the world. We had food ranging from Ireland, France, Italy, Australia, The Philippines, China, Spain and more! Special thanks to Mary Dorog (worker for Facebook from home), Sadhbh Dempsey (past pupil) and Carlos Andrés Padrón Barrios (Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia) for coming as our guest speakers for the day. and they had talked about languages that had affected their lives, languages that opened new opportunities for them and how it can help them in the future. TY Students also got to learn Flamenco Dancing, Japanese from UCD Japanese Society, Irish Sign Language (ISL), Chinese Art, Pétanque, Flag Making and Spanish with Señorita Posse!

Thank you to the MFL Department for giving us the chance to showcase the TYs culture and making the event happen!

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CLIMATE WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS
Thursday, 11th January – 9:45am
Assembly Hall
Excerpts from Cathaoirleach's speech:

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Climate action is one of my priorities as Cathaoirleach. There is no place left on the planet that has been untouched by human caused climate change. The serious impacts in recent years from extreme weather events show us the truly enormous cost of not acting. In 2023, Ireland experienced the driest June on record, followed by the wettest July and subsequently Storm Betty in August. The challenges facing us from climate change are stark as climate change is not only sudden events, but slower onset events with compounding impacts.

It is crucial that we all take actions that safeguard nature, climate, and biodiversity. The presence of a thriving natural world and a stable climate is indispensable for our overall well-being. It is so important that we maintain its health, as ours is linked to it. Our commitment to protecting nature today will yield substantial benefits for future generations. The decisions we make today and the upcoming years will dictate our collective future.

All of us, individuals, communities, businesses and government alike, are asked to take ownership of the commitment to tackle climate change if we are to succeed in our low-carbon transition for our economy and our society.

Effectively engaging with each other on climate action provides opportunities to enable positive behavioural shifts that lead to a better future for all. This, in turn can have a significant impact on reducing both greenhouse gas emissions and the impacts of climate change on future generations.

Our community groups have a unique insight into the impacts of climate change at the local level. Our County has a strong network of community groups, sports clubs, residents' associations, Tidy Town groups, business groups and sustainable energy communities. The collective efforts made by these groups allow communities to address challenges, celebrate achievements and pursue shared goals.

The Community Climate Action Programme will facilitate projects under the themes of community energy, travel, food and waste, shopping and recycling and local climate and environmental action. I look forward to seeing firsthand the types of innovative projects that will be implemented in our County with support and funding from the Programme.

In November, the newly developed Myrtle Square and Convent Lane in Dún Laoghaire opened to the public. The new civic space at Myrtle Square offers a respite from the bustling urban environment while contributing to the regeneration and vitality of the town. The square features generous seating and play areas for children. Trees, green canopies and soft landscape areas further enhance the square and also benefit the environment. The development of Myrtle Square and the greening of Convent Lane is considered an exemplar project for integrated and holistic climate action which can become a model for other towns in the area, offering a sustainable and resilient future for all.

Living Streets Dún Laoghaire is a new scheme for Dún Laoghaire town involving sustainable mobility and public realm improvements. It aims to make our local streets safer and greener, our communities more connected, and to keep our economy vibrant. The scheme is currently open for public consultation, and I hope that you will share your views with us. Climate Change is the single greatest challenge we face and we must work in unison to meet our goals.

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGE CENTRE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for a status update on the provision of a Domestic Refuge Centre in the County of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown?

Reply: The Council commissioned a Domestic Violence Refuge Needs Assessment Report with funding provided in the 2021 Council budget to carry out a Needs Assessment. The report demonstrates that DLR currently lacks refuge provision. The Council has agreed to work with Sonas, an approved housing body, to progress provision of a DV Refuge in dlr. Túsla the Child and Family Agency is the primary Statutory Agency for the provision of DV related services. The Minister for Justice has established DV refuge provision as a national priority and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown was identified as having a requirement for the provision of a ten-family unit refuge with associated operational funding from Túsla.

The provision of a refuge will be delivered primarily through the means of a Capital Assistance Funding (CAS) application. Sonas is working with Túsla to make an application for CAS. DLR is co-ordinating efforts to ensure provision of a DV refuge and integrated support for DLR. An inter-agency project group has been established and is meeting regularly to drive the delivery of the DV Refuge project.

A site at Kilcross is considered the most suitable. The site will provide twelve units for victims and families experiencing domestic abuse.

Legislation has recently been introduced to accelerate delivery of housing and the dv refuge comes within the remit of this legislation. This is provided in Section 179A of the Planning and Development Act. The Council will progress this project using this provision.

Councillor

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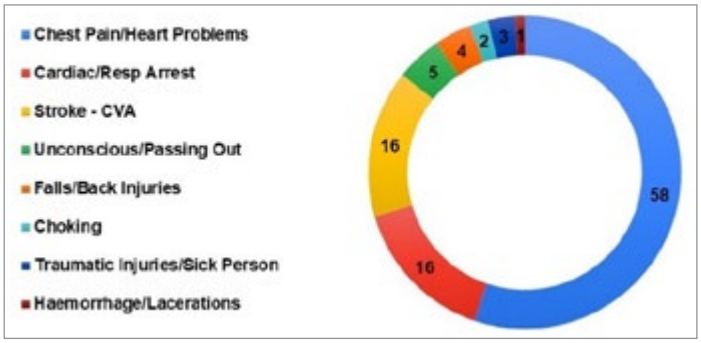

Thanks to the generosity of the HSE National Lottery funding, we were able to purchase a new set of training manikins. This enables us to expand our outreach to train more individuals from our community.

Our first free training takes place 7pm on January 25th, 2024 at St. Anne's Resource Centre. Join us by signing up to our event, details shared on our Facebook page Shankill & Ballybrack CFR, Instagram @shankillballybrackcfr or visit our website at ***www.shankillcfr.ie***.

We are also looking for interested individuals who are in a position to become a volunteer responder especially during business hours. Therefore, as you sit down and chart your 2024 resolutions, think of us and how you can help. Every little action counts; be it showing support, advocating for us in your communities, becoming a volunteer or donating to keep this group running and #helpsavelives.

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PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D23A/0706 Seeking Permission Date: 13/11/2023
Three Ireland, Shanganagh Water Treatment Plant, Shanganagh, Dublin 18
Installation of a 20 metres telecommunications monopole support structure carrying antennas, dishes, GPS, remote radio units (RRU's), Aircraft warning light and associated telecommunications equipment together with ground based equipment, cabinets, cable ladder, concrete foundation, gantry poles, fencing and all associated site development works to provide for high-speed wireless data and broadband services.

D23A/0720 Seeking Permission Date: 17/11/2023
Pat O'Loughlin, Old Connaught House, Ferndale Road, Bray, Co.Dublin
Upgrading of an existing failed wastewater treatment plant and the installation of a new percolation area including all associated site development works. A Protected Structure.

D23B/0528 Seeking Permission & Retention Date: 17/11/2023
Brendan & Helen Flynn, Tasalta, Ferndale Glen, Shankill, D18AV82
Single storey ground floor extension to the side with a crown pitch roof to provide additional kitchen, dining and living space. Retention is also sought for a ground floor extension to the rear which comprises of a wheelchair accessible bedroom, wet room and ancillary kitchen for caring staff.

D23B/0530 Seeking Permission Date: 17/11/2023
Laurence & Jill Doyle, 58, Foxes Grove, Shankill, D18Y4C6
Proposed ground floor bathroom extension with connection to existing services and associated works.

D23A/0351 Additional Information Recd.22/11/23 Date: 26/05/2023
Auro Naes Ltd., Shanganagh Cottage, Dublin Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Demolition of existing house and garage and the erection of a detached building containing 16 units in up to 4 levels of residential accommodation (including floorspace within part of the attic area) providing eight own-door apartments at ground level, each containing two bedrooms and ancillary living / kitchen / dining / storage and bathroom accommodation, four own-door two-storey duplex units on the second and third floors, each containing three-bedrooms along with ancillary living / kitchen / dining / storage and bathroom accommodation and four own-door dwelling units containing three storeys (on the second to fourth floors, including the attic, where they would be served by rooflights), each containing four bedrooms as well as ancillary living / kitchen / dining / storage space and wardrobe / bathroom accommodation. The development includes the closure of an existing vehicular access to the site and the creation of a new replacement entrance, alterations to the front boundary wall, the provision of communal open areas for recreational purposes within the site including a children's playground and the creation of private open spaces in the nature of ground level patios and elevated terraces/balconies, the creation of sixteen car parking spaces off a new driveway along with a turning area, the provision of a refuse storage receptable and a bicycle storage facility. The application also incorporates a pedestrian gate which would connect this proposal with the residential development to its immediate east, along with connections to existing water supply, stormwater and wastewater services, along with all other site works including landscaping.

D23B/0373 Additional Information Rec'd 21/11/23 Date: 09/08/2023
Phyllis Gibney, Artillis, Murphy's Lane, Shankill, D18A2FK
Proposal: Proposed 56.97 sqm extension to existing 53.43 sqm dwelling, and proposed replacement waste water treatment system to EPA standards in lieu of existing septic tank and associated works.

D23A/0765 Seeking Permission Date: 05/12/2023
Donal & Jade Cronin, Green Trees, 11 Eaton Brae, Shankhill, D18C8X8
Subdivision of the residential property and the construction of a new detached 2.5 storey 4-bedroom dwelling (271 m2 / 2,917 ft2) with 2no. parking spaces, a new vehicular/pedestrian access along the western Eaton Brae boundary will provide access to the existing dwelling.

D23A/0769 Seeking Permission Date: 07/12/2023
Claire Gibbons, Rear of 31, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18YW74
Detached dormer bungalow with new vehicular access with connection to all services and associated site works.

D23B/0562 Seeking Permission Date: 04/12/2023
Mags Cosgrave & David Cosgrave, 14, Dorney Court, Shankill, D18E367
Modification of existing hipped roof to form a gable end roof along with the addition of a new dormer window to the rear and new window to the side at attic level along with associated site works.

D23A/0806 Seeking Permission Date: 20/12/2023
Maplepond Ltd., Saint Annes, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18H9V3
Development on site of approx 0.6 Ha. consisting of a) Demolition (approx 254 sqm.) of all single storey non-original extensions, a single-storey glass house and 3no. single storey outbuildings associated with existing residential dwelling known as Saint Anne's (A Protected Structure). b) Removal of all temporary timber sheds on site (approx 97sqm). c) Refurbishment and two storey extension of Saint Anne's to provide for a newly renovated 2 storey 4 bedroom residential dwelling and d) Construction of a new residential development of 23no. units in 3no. new build Blocks A,B and C (all 3 stories in height). the refurbishment (approx 219sqm) and 2 storey extension (approx 106sqm) of St. Anne's (A Protected Structure) will provide for a newly renovated 2 storey 4 bedroom residential dwelling (approx 325sqm) with associated car parking and private open space area. Refurbishment works will include the repair and partial replacement of hardwood floors, the application of external insulation to all original walls, the relocation of windows and doors to reflect original external reveals for new external insulation. the removal and extension of window jambs, the replacement of existing asphalt roof with a new insulated flat roof, the repair of water damaged ceilings and cornices, the removal of all later wall light fittings, surface cables, all non original furniture, cabinetry and fittings, the removal of later sanitary ware and replacement of same. The opening up of a blocked dining room fireplace to match original installation. The removal of existing ceramic tiles and the refurbishment of carpet flooring. A new build development of 23no. residential units (9no. apartment units, 9no. duplex units and 5no. house units) will comprise: Block A (3 storeys) containing 2no. 2 bed apartment units at ground floor level and 2no. 3 bed duplex units over first and second floor levels and 1no. semi detached 3bed townhouse over ground, first and second floor level. Block B (3 storeys) containing 4no. 4bed terraced townhouses. Block C (3 storeys) containing 7no. 2bed apartment units and 7no. 3bed duplex units . Each residential dwelling has an associated area of private open space in the form of a balcony/terrace/rear garden area. The development shall also provide for the provision of 1no. relocated vehicular access point further south along Dublin Road, a new pedestrian/ cyclist access point via Dublin Road, 35no. new car parking spaces (29 standard spaces, 4 electric vehicle spaces and 2no. disabled spaces). 52 no. standard bicycle parking spaces, 2no. cargo bicycling parking spaces, 2 no bin stores, an ESB substation, 2no.public open space areas and 2no. communal open space areas including a new play area. The site development and infrastructural works provide for water, foul and surface water drainage and all associated connections. All landscaping and public lighting, all boundary treatment works, internal roads and foothpaths and all associated site clearance, excavation and development works.

D23A/0820 Seeking Permission Date: 21/12/2023
Kerpow Ltd, The Old Glebe House, Brides Glen Road, Shankill, D18Y7H7
The development will consist of alterations to approved D23A/0392. The alterations consist of the extension of the ground floor from 83sqm to 103sqm and the omission of a south-east facing window at first floor. A Protected Structure.

D23B/0583 Seeking Permission Date: 18/12/2023
Toni & Eoin Carroll, 14, Aubrey Park, Shankill, D18DE20
Proposal: Velux rooflights to the front (north) both sides (east,west) roof

planes to accommodate an attic conversion with a rear velux rooflight and a single-storey extension to the east side of dwelling.

PAC/LRD2/007/23 Pre-Planning LRD Application Date: 20/12/2023
Aeval Unlimited Company, The Townland of Cork Little, Shankill, Co. Dublin
The proposed development of the Woodbrook Phase 2 is the next phase of the emerging Woodbrook community at Shankill, Co. Dublin. The scheme will integrate with the permitted Woodbrook Phase 1 residential development immediately west and south of the area subject to development (c. 27.12 Ha). The proposed development consists of 478 no. residential units in a mix of houses, duplexes and apartments ranging from 2 – 7 storeys in height comprising: - • 105 no. Houses (63 no. 3-bed and 42no. 4-bed). • 51no. Duplexes (18 no. 2-bed and 33 no. 3-bed). • 322 no. Apartments (91no. 1-bed, 138 no. 2-bed and 93 no. 3-bed). • 3 no. retail units (a total of 665 sq. m), 1 no. café / restaurant unit (205 sq. m) and community resource area (80 sq. m) are proposed to be located within the Neighbourhood Centre (blocks F and G). • All associated and ancillary site development, infrastructural, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D23B/0435 Grant Permission Date: 10/11/2023
Maria Martin & Daniel Fleeton, 46, Corbawn Wood, Shankill, D18E285
Second storey extension to the side of the house over existing ground floor extension encompassing an opaque window on the first floor north facing side and the conversion of the rear existing garage. All finishes to match existing. Also, to include are all ancillary site works.

D23A/0638 Grant Permission Date: 17/11/2023
Joseph O'Mahony and Rachel Hughes, 9, Shanganagh Grove, Shankill, Dublin 18
Widening of the existing driveway and revisions to boundary wall and vehicular access.

D23B/0457 Grant Permission Date: 23/11/2023
Michael Grogan, 28, Corbawn Close, Shankill, D18FH24
Proposed single storey extension consisting of a shower room and porch together with all ancillary & associated site works to the front.

D23A/0664 Grant Permission Date: 12/12/2023
John Hayes, Sheila Hayes & Anna Hayes, 15, Eaton Brae & Scarbrae, Corbawn Lane, D18XY04
Subdivision of an existing single dwelling with attached granny flat into two seperate, adjoining dwellings including the change of use of the existing granny flat into a seperate dwelling unit incorporating the existing access from Corbawn Lane. It will also include provision of new physical boundaries between the dwellings and the adjoining sites, together with repairs and associated site works.

D23A/0668 Request Additional Information Date: 13/12/2023
Daniel & Emily Good, Woodley, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18K7K5
Construction of a 32sqm swimming pool, railings, a single-storey shed and all associated ground works to the rear garden of the property.

D23B/0373 Grant Permission Date: 13/12/2023
Phyllis Gibney, Artillis, Murphy's Lane, Shankill, D18A2FK
Proposal: See Planning Applications above .

D23B/0497 Grant Permission for Retention Date: 13/12/2023
Laoise Traynor, 5, Library Road, Shankill, D18N563
Retention for modifications to D19B/0480 comprising of (1) Omitting the front elevation porch (2) Retaining the existing front door. (3) Reconfiguration to internal room layouts to the existing house. (4) A new window to the existing house rear elevation. (5) A new window to the rear extension bathroom. (6) A new door to the utility room of the rear extensions northwest elevation. (7) A new window to both the kitchen and dining area on the northwest elevation of the rear extension. (8) Modifications to the fenestration of the development to the north and east elevations of the rear extension of the rear extension. (9) Alterations to the ridge height of the rear extension. (10) Addition of a rooflight to the front profile of the rear extension (11) Omission of rooflights to the ensuite at the rear elevation of the existing house and the utility room of the rear extension. (12) An additional 1.84m2 of floor area to the first floor of the rear extension.

D23A/0351 Refuse Permission Date: 19/12/2023
Auro Naes Ltd., Shanganagh Cottage, Dublin Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Proposal: See Planning Applications above

D23A/0381 Grant Permission Date: 05/01/2024
Ward & Burke Construction, Ballyman Lane, Ballyman, Bray Co Dublin
Proposal: See Planning Applications above.

D23B/0583 Declare Application Invalid Date: 04/01/2024
Toni & Eoin Carroll, 14, Aubrey Park, Shankill, D18DE20
Velux rooflights to the front (north) both sides (east,west) roof planes to accommodate an attic conversion with a rear velux rooflight and a single-storey extension to the east side of dwelling.

D23A/0371 Grant Permission Date: 12/01/2024
Whitfern Rock Limited, Coltsfoot, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18F8W6
Proposal: 1) Demolition of existing dwelling house. 2) Removal of existing front boundary wall and for the construction of A) New stone boundary wall with 2no. pedestrian access points and new vehicular site entrance onto the Dublin Road. B) Construction of 41 Apartments in 2 separate apartment blocks ranging in height from 1 to 4 floors. Block A - 25 apartments consisting of 1 no. studio apartment, 10 no. 1 bed apartments, 13 no. 2 bed apartments and 1 no. 3 bed apartment. Block A will also include an MV Substation, Communal room and Facilities management office. Block B - 16 apartments consisting of 5 no. 1 bed apartments, 11 no. 2 bed apartments. Basement measuring 983m2 consisting of 32 car parking spaces, 41 bicycle stands (82 bicycles) with a seperate bicycle access ramp, moped/motorbike parking spaces, bin storage, mechanical, electrical and utilities rooms, waste collection enclosure at ground level and for all associated site works relevant to the development.

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APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D22A/0312 Refuse Permission Decided: 17/11/2023
Michelle & Alan Colgan, 7, Bray Road, Loughlinstown, D18HW25
Retention is being sought for 1) the conversion/change of use of the ground floor area of the vacant retail unit to residential including alterations to the front elevation fenestration at ground and first floor levels and including removal of chimney 2) construction of 1.83m high wall on north-east boundary to support electrical supply cabinet 3) construction of timber clad bin store with roof over on the north-east boundary 4) retention of double car parking bay and associated site works.
Council Decision: Refuse permission for retention

D22A/0606 Grant Permission Decided: 16/11/2023
Pauline Cullen, Seaview Farm, Quarry Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission for development comprising change-of-use of existing detached single- storey vacant farm building to residential use (a detached, single-storey, 1-bedroom dwelling) with associated elevational alterations, new fenestration and Velux windows, together with an on-site wastewater treatment system, and all associated site development works.
Council Decision: Refuse permission

D22A/0310 Decision: Refuse Permission Decided: 04/12/2023
Conor Goff, Roseville Cottage, 60 Commons Road, Shankill, Dublin 18
Retention permission is sought for part dormer dwelling with two-storey extension on rear and single storey extension on side with roof garden above, with open sided canopy above front door to house.
Council Decision: Refuse permission for retention

D22A/0637 Grant Permission Decided: 20/12/2023
Conor Morgan, Rathmichael Lane, Rathmichael, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for a agricultural dry store building with ancillary works.
Council Decision: Refuse permission

D23B/0124 Decision: To Amend Condition(s) Decided: 18/12/2023
Dervla Cusack & Brendan Fitzpatrick, 4, Shrewsbury Hall, Shankill, D18V8C7
Development consisting of A) Raise portion of pitched roof to the front and a dormer extension to the rear at second floor level to allow for a habitable bedroom and service rooms. B) Roof lights to the front and rear elevations. C) Ancillary siteworks and services.
Council Decision: Grant permission

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